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Applicant: : Abdul Malik et al.  
Filed: : 01/24/2002  
Art Unit : 1723  
Examiner : Ernest G. Therkorn  
Docket No. : 1372.223.PRC  
Customer No. : 21,901  
For : Sol-Gel Open Tubular ODS Columns with Charged Inner Surface  
for Capillary Electrochromatography

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**PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (37 C.F.R. 1.136(a))**

1. This is a petition for an extension of the time for a total period of three months to January 16, 2005 (Tuesday, January 18, 2005)..
2. A response in connection with the matter for which this extension is requested is filed herewith.
3. Applicant is a small entity.
4. Calculation of extension fee (37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(1)-(5)):

Extension:  
three months

Fee for small entity:  
\$510.00

**Fee \$510.00**

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

Extension fee due with this request \$ 510.00

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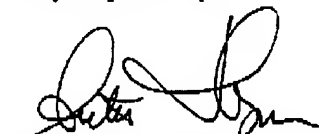
## 5. Extended period for response three months.

Based on the extension requested in this petition (and that for which a previous petition has been filed, if any), the extended period for response will expire on August 27, 2000.

## 6. Fee Payment

Attached is Credit Card Payment form PTO-2038 in the amount of \$ 510.00

Very respectfully,



SIGNATURE OF PRACTITIONER

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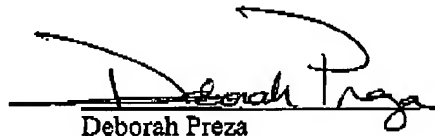
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**CERTIFICATE OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION**

(37 C.F.R. 1.8 (a))

I HEREBY CERTIFY that this Petition and Fee is being transmitted by facsimile to the United States Patent and Trademark Office, Art Unit 1723, Attn: Ernest G. Therkorn, (703) 872-9310, on January 17, 2005.

Dated: January 17, 2005



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